19 June 2012

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With the school holidays looming I would like to wish all students a safe and happy mid-year break. It has been a semester in which students have set goals, learnt to work towards them and sought to improve their performance. As we continue our focus on the classroom into next semester, it is timely for all students, parents and teachers to reflect on this semester, establish new goals, create strategies for improvement and begin the work towards achieving them. My only real expectation of anybody who works in a school, such as students and teachers, is that we all seek to improve and to continue to learn.

Keep shining!

OPEN DAY

Tuesday 17 July 9 – 12noon

Our third and final Open Day for 2012 is on Tuesday 17 July from 9am until 12noon. Prospective students and their parents are invited to tour the school and to attend a presentation. Students wishing to apply for enrolment need to be present for both the tour and the presentation. We will soon have our full quota of Year 8 students for 2013. Anyone intenting to enrol for Year 8 in 2013 should make immediate enquiries.

ATTENDANCE

Winter holidays do not start until students arrive home on Friday 22 June. The week before the holidays is a normal week. All students are required to be in full-time attendance. New work and revision is occurring. Please note that Monday 9 July is NOT a Student Free Day. Students resume school after the holidays on Monday 9 July.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A Mansfield High School calendar of events is provided to all students at the beginning of each semester. This allows students and their families to plan their activities. Exams and other assessment feature in this planner. Students are to be present for all assessment, unless they are too sick to attend or there are other very serious extenuating circumstances. (More detail about this is in the Student Handbook.) Other activities need to be arranged around school commitments. Alternative assessment arrangements will only be made in extreme situations. Our students are full-time students. If they are not present for assessment, they will not get credit for the item.

ENTRY/USE OF SCHOOL GROUNDS

Parents and students are reminded that anyone wanting to enter/use the school grounds, including out of hours, must be authorised by the Principal. As stated on the Government signs in the school – unauthorised entry may lead to prosecution.

SCHOOL BACKPACKS

School backpacks are to be clearly identifiable by each student, because of a ribbon or inexpensive trinket that is attached to them. For safety reasons, school backpacks are to not to be named on the outside where a stranger could identify the student. However a name inside the flap and under a strap is necessary. There is to be no graffiti on the backpacks.
The situation with lost property in the Upper Office has become dire. We have lost property that has been kept for weeks. Following consultation with staff and Administration, the following information is given for all students and families regarding the control of lost property on the School Campus.

1. **All student property must be clearly named.**
2. Lost property which is clearly named will be advised to the student via form class rolls, student notices/assemblies. This will occur for one week only. Property not collected will be held for one further week for collection. Lost property not collected at the end of the second week will be sold through the Uniform Shop or disposed of.
3. Lost property that is not clearly named will be held in the Upper Office for one week for collection before being sold through the Uniform Shop or disposed of.

We are aware that student property is expensive and we will take all care in trying to return lost property to each student. Correct identification can make all the difference; however it is the student's responsibility to collect the items from the Upper Office following notification of the lost item being reported via form class rolls, student notices/assemblies. We cannot continue to retain lost property for weeks on end and this information will be reiterated in upcoming newsletters, student notices and assemblies.

**LABELLING CLOTHING / RESOURCES**

Are all of your student's clothes and possessions labelled? It is suggested that items are re-labelled if necessary. Items should be regularly checked for their labelling. If you need to contact label suppliers, see the L-Z Yellow Pages. If items ever get misplaced, students need to continually check lost property at the Upper Office.

**REPORTS AND PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT NIGHT**

Reports will be issued on:
- **Thursday 12 July** to Year 8, 9, and 10 students
- **Wednesday 18 July** to Year 11 and 12 students.

Students are required to have their parent sign the accompanying form and return it to the BOX outside the Lower Office the next day. Information about the booking system for Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews will also be distributed. Bookings will be via the internet as they were for mid-semester one. Reports need to be filed safely at home.

Please keep **Wednesday 25 July** free from 3.30pm to 7pm for a Parent/Teacher/Student Night for all year levels AND a Year 12 QTAC Evening from 7pm to 8.30pm for Year 12s and their parents. Therefore Year 12 interviews will need to be before 6.50pm.

**GIFTED AND TALENTED**

A few weeks ago a group of twenty Mansfield students was privileged enough to attend the Gifted and Talented Study Day at St Laurence’s College.

It was a day filled with questioning and discussion as we were shown things like time and consciousness in new lights. Beginning the day with a seminar on whether or not time is a constant in our universe and whether or not time travel is logically possible, it was interesting to see the different points of view on the topics we discussed.

“What is consciousness, and how do we test it?” was the next question asked, before rounding up the day with an in-depth philosophical discussion. The bus trip on the way home was filled with debate about the philosophy behind certain ideas and how to establish consciousness.

It was a great day, and even being one of the only State schools, there was no stopping us!

**ENGLISH NEWS**

**Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards**

The Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards aim to capture the imagination of students, inspiring them with a passion for poetry and a love of country. It is a unique national project, giving Australia’s youth a voice and an opportunity to strive for excellence in literature. The Awards optional theme for 2012 is *Wheels and Wings and Marvellous Things* – celebrating the vivid images poetry creates as we read and ponder the written verse. Entries close on 30 June. For details about categories and entry information go to [www.dorothea.com.au](http://www.dorothea.com.au)

**Meet Isobelle Carmody at Carindale Library**

Students have the opportunity to join young adult author Isobelle Carmody on Wednesday 4 July at 10 am as she talks about her career to date and her works. Isobelle is well known for her fantasy series *Obernewtyn Chronicles*. Bookings are essential. Call Carindale Library on 3407 1490 to reserve your place. (This is not necessary for those students who have previously given their names to Mrs Bladin.)
ICT NEWS
CensusAtSchool is here!
Students in Year 9 Computer Education classes will be taking part in an Australian CensusAtSchool project. CensusAtSchool aims to increase statistical literacy through using ICT as well as raise awareness of the important role of the national Census of Population and Housing.

The Year 9 students complete an anonymous online questionnaire, covering topics such as: foot length, favourite food and languages spoken. They then become 'investigators' and use the questionnaire response data to find patterns and trends on selected topics.

LOTE NEWS
Mansfield Parents In The Classroom
Parents of language students were invited into our French or Japanese classrooms recently to observe how languages are taught in the 21st Century. Pictured is Imogen Szathmary in 8F, with her mother who experienced 70 minutes of being immersed in French. “Comment ça va, Madame?”

MUSIC NEWS
Metropolitan Region Fanfare Final
Congratulations to the talented members of Camerata, Concert Band and Orchestra and their dedicated Conductors, who last night performed in the Metropolitan Region Fanfare Final held at QUT Gardens Point Theatre. With only one week’s notice of their inclusion in the Metropolitan Final, the students have demonstrated exceptional commitment, juggling last minute rehearsals with the pressures of exam block. As always, the students performed extremely well and were excellent ambassadors for Mansfield High. Camerata's performance, in particular, was stunning. Camerata was very unfortunate not to get through to the next level. Thank you to all staff, parents and students for your support.

CREATIVE GENERATION: State Schools Onstage 2012

Each year, 1500 primary and secondary school students from across the state come together to stage the spectacular production, Creative Generation: State Schools Onstage. Talented dancers, singers, musicians and actors commit many hours to the audition process and have now spent the last few months rehearsing with professional artists in preparation for what has become known as Education Queensland’s largest performing arts event. Mansfield High will again be well represented at this year’s spectacular with featured vocalists Phoebe Williams and Olivia Bird being supported by the Creative Generation Orchestra, including Ann Carew (Violin), Nora Chen (Violin), Emily Kuehner (Viola), Erin Lyons (Saxophone) and Nathan Strating (French horn). The sixty piece symphony orchestra will be directed by Mansfield High string teacher and conductor, Ms Meg Robson.

The 630 voice Creative Generation Massed Choir will be led by the Core Choir including Mansfield students: Ellen Axford, Gabby Diaz, Molly Doherty, Kate Holley, Charlee Swan, Tyler Goes, Blake Peterson, Ranul Thiranagama, and Aven Yap.
The 2012 extravaganza is providing new opportunities for other Mansfield High students too. Talented pianist, Tamara Peacock, will be featured as a solo artist playing Grieg’s *Piano Concerto in A minor*. Dan Elvery and Erin Lyons will join with *The James Morrison Creative Generation Big Band* and attend a two day workshop with the jazz legend himself.

This year also sees the introduction of a Drama component, providing participants with the opportunity to work with the Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre Company. Year 12 student Annalise Hudson was selected for the *Creative Generation Young Artists’ Award in Drama* and invited to attend the Young Artists’ Workshop.

The entire event will be captured by the Film Crew, including Jessica Dee, Lucy Mraz and Erin O’Shiel. These three Year 12 students will be involved in either the making of a mini documentary of the rehearsal process or filming during production week, including conducting interviews with participants. As members of the Film Crew, these students will have the opportunity to work in the Channel Ten editing suites. The three public performances of *Creative Generation* will occur on Friday 20 July at 7pm, and Saturday 21 July at 1pm and 7pm at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Bank. Tickets are now available through Ticketek (http://premier.ticketek.com.au/).

**SPORT NEWS**

THE SEQ CHAMPION OPEN BOYS’ CRICKET TEAM FROM MANSFIELD AFTER WINNING THE FINAL AGAINST BOONAH SHS

*Back Row: Trevor Oliver, Josh Yarrow, Reece Flesser, Tom Allan, Andrew Booth, Mr Lock, Brenden Adams, Kasun Ranatunga, Jordan Kendall*

*Front Row: Alex Barr, Jono Margetts (C), Marc Ball, Jacques Laidlaw*

For the first time in the history of SEQ Interschool Sport, Mansfield was able to win the Open Boys’ Cricket competition. Three outstanding batting displays by Jono Margetts, well supported by Trevor Oliver, Kasun Ranatunga, Andrew Booth and Brenden Adams, combined with tight bowling from Alex Barr, Jono Margetts, Andrew Booth and Brenden Adams, ensured Mansfield was able to win the three final games convincingly. In those finals, we took 18 catches and only dropped 2, another significant reason for our success.

**National Karate Congratulations**

Year 9 student, Lachlan Wood (pictured) recently competed in the Goshin Rye National Karate Championships. Lachlan won a Bronze medal for his age group and also his team came 2nd in the sparring competition. Well done Lachlan!

**GUIDANCE NEWS**

*Year 12 QTAC (Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre)*

Every Year 12 student will be given his/her own copy of the QTAC book by the end of term. The QTAC guide lists University and TAFE courses and some private providers for Queensland and Northern NSW. The QTAC book is essential for any students considering studying a diploma level or above in 2013. A QTAC evening for parents and students will be conducted at our school by our Guidance Officers on Wednesday 25 July at 7pm.
Year 10 Careers Program

All year 10 students are about to embark on a series of careers lessons covering a range of topics. The topics covered are designed to assist students to acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes they will need to make personally relevant and appropriate study and career decisions in the future. It is not expected that students will choose a career pathway at such an early stage.

The topics covered include:
- **Who am I?** Developing an understanding of self, achievements, strengths, weaknesses, interests and personal attributes.
- **Work:** Learning about the changing world of work including expectations of employers and demands of the workplace.
- **Investigating Jobs:** How to find job related information.
- **Australian Qualifications Framework:** Knowledge and understanding of the AQF.
- **What Next?** Post Year 10 educational and training options and the development of a Senior Education and Training SET Plan.

Students will be provided with a series of booklets covering each topic. Because we are only able to spend one lesson on each topic, it is recommended that students spend some additional time at home on each topic.

Griffith University Aptitude For Engineering 2012

The Griffith School of Engineering is offering a pathway into engineering by sitting the **Aptitude for Engineering Assessment (AEA)** exam on Saturday 22 September. The exam is for applicants who may not have the prerequisite courses or tertiary entrance score, or wish to have information about their aptitude for Engineering. The exam will be held on both the Nathan and Gold Coast campuses and is open for current year 12 students. Registrations opened on Monday 16 April and close on Friday 7 September.


SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

**P & C Meeting - Date Claimer** – Please note the change in time for the July meeting!

Thursday 26 July at 6pm in the Administration Block Common Room.

All are welcome to attend.

**Canteen Assistance Required**

Thank you to those people who have been assisting in the Canteen this year. Rosalie and Debbie are looking for a few more volunteers to fill their roster for the rest of the year. The canteen is a very busy place so even if you can only commit to a couple of hours SERVING LUNCH, rather than the whole day, your assistance will be appreciated. Please call Rosalie or Debbie on 3452 5323 to discuss your availability. Canteen duty is not just for Mums - Dads are most welcome!

**Reading Group – All Welcome!**

3.15pm Tuesday 17 July in the Resource Centre

The Reading Group, comprising of parent/guardians, students and staff, meets on the second Tuesday of each term to read, discuss and evaluate new fiction material for our students. We would love to have a few more adults join this group. Anyone wishing to participate should call Sue Holley on 3452 5337 to register your interest.

RAUCHLE SERVICE CLUB

A 'pupdate' from **Guide Dogs Queensland: Whim and her puppies...**

Guide Dogs Queensland (GDQ) has strong ties with schools in Australia and around the world, particularly in terms of breeding and dog exchange. Mansfield High’s Rauchle Service Club financially supports Guide Dogs Queensland and particularly our gorgeous Whim (pictured below). GDQ has been very fortunate to have been gifted high quality broods and in exchange it returns progeny from litters that are produced on our program. GDQ recently sent two “L Litter” puppies to these other schools as part of a breeding exchange arrangement. They will therefore be raised and trained by these schools and hopefully go on to be Guide Dogs. We wish these puppies from the “L Litter” all the best with their training and bright future ahead.
What about the rest of Whim's “L Litter”?

Guide Dogs Queensland has written the information below. This week the Rauchle Service Club will be collecting gold coin donations each morning so that the Mansfield Community can continue to support Whim and her puppies. Thank you for your support!

Lara has settled into her puppy raiser's home with another one of our pups who is getting ready to turn one in March. She also lives with a withdrawn dog, which is a half brother to her.

Lara has become good friends with Asia, the other COQ pup. The 2 girls often sleep and play together.

Lara has been on a trail, but, in the local shops, on trains and out to coffee several times. She is a confident girl that takes everything in her stride.

Lara has only just gone out to he home four weeks ago and has settled in really well.

He has done shopping centres and is great at settling at a cafe. He frequently catches up with his brother Lambert out training together and for play dates.

He will soon go to the train station for the first time to do some train spotting.

Not long placed in his home he is very big for his age and is affectionately called “Lamb”! He is a very calm, chilled out boy who tends to fall asleep on his back with his legs spread white out in public.

Lambert has just started being introduced to shopping centre’s, trains stations and travelators.

He loves cuddles with his puppy raiser or her pet dog Tom. Lambert loves to play with toys especially squeaky ones!

Lilly has the most beautiful personality. She is learning how to be a good pup on trains and learning a lot more in her walks. Lilly now has to “stand” and “wait” before crossing the road. She is also learning “stop”! This means that when Lilly viene ups to a gitter or in the first step that she has to put her front paws on it & pause. The next step is travelators.

Lilly can show a bit of sensible to some noises but that's when we do extra training to show her that there is no reason to be worried. Her recovery time to the noises is very quick which is great!

Lilly has a Hippopotamus teddy named “Hippo”. Hippo is almost the same size so her he plays in this with her & she uses him as a pillow. During the day Lilly will bring hippo out to say hello to everyone.

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

Mobile Muster Schools Recycling Challenge 2012 – Congratulations Tyler and Natasha!

Round 1 of the Mobile Muster Schools Recycling Challenge 2012 is up and running! If you have an old phone (and accessories) hiding in the draw, please leave it in the collection box in the library and we will make sure that it is recycled properly. During the Challenge last year the Mansfield Community collected 14 kg of mobile phones. Congratulations to Year 12 students Tyler Nobelen and Natasha Abeysekera, as they recycled the most phones in 2011. These students will receive their prizes later this week.

Toastmasters International – Expressions of Interest Invited

Toastmasters International is a not for profit training organisation that focuses on developing communication and leadership skills. Participants give impromptu talks on assigned topics, conduct meetings and develop skills related to timekeeping, grammar and parliamentary procedure. Members improve their speaking and leadership skills in learn-by-doing workshops where they are provided with constructive feedback. While Toastmaster Club meetings cater for people over the age of 18 years, we are investigating the possibility of conducting a short course at school if there is enough interest from the student body. To express your interest, please see Mrs Holley or contact her on 3452 5333 or sholl143@eq.edu.au.
YES, WE ARE COLLECTING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

COLES
Collection Period - Until 14 August
Collection Point – official collection box in K Block outside the K Block Staffroom OR the collection box in the lower office.

PAULS
Collection Period - All year
Collection Point - collection box in the lower office OR they can be given to Mrs Holley in F10.

WOOLWORTHS
Collection Period - 12 August
Collection Point – stickers or completed cards can be left in the collection box in the lower office.

CREATIVE GENERATION
Friday 20 July - 7pm
Saturday 21 July - 1pm and 7pm
Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
Tickets from Ticketek (http://premier.ticketek.com.au)
Adult $45, Concession/Children $29 (restricted viewing seats available at a reduced price)

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Are you creative? Do you have some spare time over the holidays?

Enter the SCHOOL MAGAZINE COVER COMPETITION

PRIZE:
$150 Westfield Voucher

We need a Mansfield High student to design the cover for this year’s school magazine!

This is a great opportunity for Mansfield High students to unleash their creativity and to design a vibrant cover.

Entry due date: Friday 13 July 2012

To whom: Ms Chamberlain in B08

For further info: Ms Chamberlain in B08
Year 8 Art
Imaginary City Digital Collages

Rohan Sagar

Sharmin Kalantari
Year 8 Art
Imaginary City Digital Collages

Gary Huang

Annie Ying
Year 8 Art
Imaginary City Digital Collages

Ashleigh Zaghini

Ethan Row
Year 8 Art

Imaginary City Digital Collages

Brianna Hawkins

Rhakshi Vijekumar
STOP PRESS…Each year we strongly encourage students to nominate for the Mt Gravatt Show Young Achiever Awards. Our students often gain many of the Awards. Nominations coming from our school are to be given to Deputy Principal Ms Clarke by Thursday 12 July 2012.

Students nominate in one or more of the categories:
(i) Art    (ii) Education    (iii) Sport    (iv) Community Service.

Entry in the Mt Gravatt and Districts Young Achiever Awards is free and open to all young men and women in three age categories as follows:
(a) 11 years and under 13 as at 31 December 2012
(b) Over 13 and under 16 as at 31 December 2012
(c) Over 16 and under 20 as at 31 December 2012.

There is a meeting at school this Friday 22 June 2012 in F04 at 1.10pm to discuss nominations. Ms Clarke will need to have the almost final draft emailed and shown to her by Monday 9 July 2012, so that the final copy can be handed to her on Thursday 12 July 2012. There is a nomination form and a written section to complete. A photocopy of the whole application will also have to be made. Ms Clarke will have the nominations delivered to the Mt Gravatt Show Society by Friday 13 July 2012.

Those short listed as finalists should be available if necessary for interview and will be required to attend the presentation ceremony during the Mt Gravatt Annual Show on Saturday 28 July, 2012.